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TO : Chief, Industrial Division

DATE: 1 February 1957

FROM : Acting Chief, Consumer Industries Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for January 1957

## 1. Accomplishments

### a. Projects Completed

- 25X1A9a (1) CSM 439 "The Housing Problem in Poland", OFF USE, by [REDACTED] published 16 Jan 57.
- 25X1A9a (2) CSM 444 "Claims of Steadily Rising Living Standards in Communist China Deceptive", C, by [REDACTED] published 24 Jan 57.

### b. Status of Other Projects

- 25X1A9a (1) The Soviet section - [REDACTED], and  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] are continuing work on the Soviet NIE (10.1506); this project originally due 4 February will be slightly delayed because of the necessity of incorporating new information on 1956 plan fulfillment.
- 25X1A9a (2) [REDACTED] is revising the retail trade material in Sec 65 of the Soviet NIS.
- 25X1A9a (3) In January [REDACTED] completed an extensive review of two projects in consultation with A/E: the NIE on "Stability and Cohesion of the Soviet Satellite Structure" (10.1644), and "Survey of Economic Developments in the European Satellites under the First Long-Term Plans" (10.804).
- 25X1A9a (4) [REDACTED] is revising the projected PR on Hungarian Light Industry (38.910) in light of the Hungarian yearbook received by us in December and in light of the uprising in Hungary in the last quarter of 1956.
- 25X1A9a (5) [REDACTED] has started work on manpower and investment in light industry for Sec 64 of the Czechoslovakian NIS (30.1560).
- 25X1A9a (6) [REDACTED] is continuing work on the projected RR on Chinese domestic trade.

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- (7) [REDACTED] is near the end of his work on the North Korean NIS (10.1053), for which he is acting as coordinator for Sec 64.

2. Training

- 25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] is completing her statistics course, "Handling Quantitative Data."  
25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] completed her Russian course, Phase I of "Economic Readings in Russian".

3. Trips

None.

4. Administration

Nothing to report.

5. Plans

In general, the branch plans to devote a larger part of its time to studying the intelligence implications of the over-all position of the consumer in Bloc nations and a smaller part to quantitative estimates of economy activity in light industry and domestic trade. Poland will probably be the first nation studied in this manner.

6. Problems

Nothing to report.

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